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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt, July 6.—Messrs O. W. Ramsey, C. C. Moore, Harry Ehrhardt and W. H. Barnes spent Sunday in Charleston.

Mesdames A. B. and Sallie Haigler, of Cameron, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cope-land.

A large crowd from Ehrhardt attended the ball game in Walterboro on Friday last, which resulted in a victory for the Walterboro team, 9 to 6.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Grant are spending some time with friends and relatives at Holly Hill.

Mrs. W. P. Pate and children are on a visit with relatives in Albemarle, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Ritchie, of Albemarle, N. C., are on a visit at the latter's mother, Mrs. Jacob Ehrhardt.

Mesdames J. L. and F. H. Cope-land spent the week-end at the Isle of Palms.

Clear Pond News.

Clear Pond, July 6.—Mrs. George Ann McMillan has returned to her home at Ehrhardt after spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. R. F. McMillan.

Messrs. Eartelle and Bruce Black, of Hilda, spent Saturday and Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Herbert Folk.

Miss Vera McMillan is visiting relatives and friends at Ehrhardt.

Mrs. A. H. Sandifer and children have returned to their home near Denmark after a visit at the home of Mr. G. W. Folk.

Messrs. Earle Summers, and Oren Drawdy, of Farrell's and Jacob Carter, of Lodge, were visitors at the home of Mr. J. B. Folk Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. R. F. McMillan is spending some time with her mother at Ehrhardt.

Mrs. Avis Steedly and children returned home Saturday after a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. H. Sandifer, near Denmark.

Mr. Hughie Clayton and family, of the Colston section, visited at the home of Mr. T. J. Smoak Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bellinger, of Bamberg, spent Sunday with Mr. R. F. McMillan.

AMICUS.

Walterboro Wins From Ehrhardt.

Walterboro, July 4.—In a very exciting game of base ball on the local grounds Friday Walterboro was successful over Ehrhardt by the score of 9 to 5, thus making Walterboro the winner of two games out of the series of three played to this time. The game yesterday was replete with errors, hard hitting, daring base running and at times phenomenal battery work. The batteries were for Walterboro, Rhett, Witsell and Kugan; for Ehrhardt, Hiers, Moore and Moore. A very large crowd was present, many of the stores of the town closing for the occasion.

Cullings From Cope.

Cope, July 4.—Mrs. Laura E. Livingston and daughter, Miss Mary, of Bamberg, have been at Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Cope's the past several days, and will visit other relatives in and around Cope for a week or more.

Mrs. Connor, of Greenwood, is here on an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Frank E. Cope.

Mr. Jessie J. Hayden, wife and child, of Jacksonville, Fla., are here for a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hayden, and other relatives.

Mrs. M. L. Cope, of Bamberg, is here with her son, Mr. Shelton B. Cope.

Mr. Toomer Stack and sister, Miss Bettie, both employees of the Charleston navy yard, are at home for the Fourth.

Mr. Charles G. Henerey, of Ehrhardt, arrived this morning to spend today and tomorrow with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Henerey.

Horseback riding among the fair sex seems to be coming into vogue again, as every once in a while they are seen enjoying this delightful pastime.

Mr. Roy Hoover and family, of Orangeburg, are over for an outing, and are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Clark.

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REFUSES TO CHANGE SENTENCE.

Governor Whitman Grants Reprieve to Allow Counsel to Appeal.

Albany, N. Y., July 1.—Governor Whitman today declined to commute the death sentence of Charles Becker, convicted of the murder of Herman Rosenthal. Simultaneously, Martin T. Manton, Becker's counsel, announced he would take no further steps in behalf of his client.

That other counsel for Becker may have an opportunity to appeal to the federal courts, however, if desired, the governor granted the convicted man a reprieve from the week beginning July 12, to the week beginning July 26. When Manton left here after his conference with the governor he did not know if the case would be taken to a higher court, or what attorney, if any, would appeal for the convicted man.

Late tonight it developed that Becker offered to make revelations to the governor in connection with graft in New York police circles. The governor, however, refused to consider this phase of the case. The only issue before him, he held, was the actual killing of Rosenthal.

Save for the statement that Becker had not confessed the killing of Rosenthal or offered to implicate others in the killing, the governor would say nothing regarding the offer of the revelations.

His Only Hope.

Only a writ issued by a federal court now will act as a stay. A mere appeal will not have that effect. Manton, who retires from the case, never has believed that there was much hope of federal court intervention. Points which an appeal on constitutional grounds might be taken are considered of a minor character.

Mrs. Becker did not appeal to the governor in her husband's behalf.

A statement late today from the executive chamber said:

"I deem it my duty to decline to appoint a commission to further examine into the Becker case, and feel that I must deny the application for the commutation of the sentence to imprisonment for life.

"Mr. Manton is of the opinion that he has done all in his power for the client, and has asked for a reprieve that other counsel may have ample time in which to carry the case into the federal court.

"Owing to my absence during the last week from the capital and the incident delay, I think it is fair that the extra time should be given, and I have granted a reprieve, postponing the execution of the sentence to the week beginning July 26."

Terry-Miley.

Fairfax, July 3.—The marriage of a very popular young couple of Brunswick was that of Mr. C. J. Miley, and Miss Lucile Terry, on the evening of June 30, in the town of Fairfax.

The bride and groom repaired to the home of the Lutheran pastor at Fairfax and were married by the Rev. Groseclose.

The bride is the beautiful daughter of Mrs. H. R. Terry, of Brunswick. The groom is a prosperous merchant. They will make their home in Brunswick.

Watermelons at Cope.

Cope, July 1.—The earliest carload of melons to be shipped from this place went out today. They were loaded by Mr. John H. Cope. This is two days earlier than last year, he having shipped the first car of the season on the 3rd of the month. They are of the Watson variety and will average thirty-five pounds.

The heavy rains of the past few days have saved the old corn, which was beginning to suffer badly for lack of moisture, and the same is now practically made.

WHITE DIES OF WOUNDS.

Man Who Shot Greenville Chief Passes Away.

Greenville, July 1.—Walker White, who shot and fatally wounded Chief of Police James E. Holcomb on May 11 and seriously wounded Patrolman Bridges, died at the City hospital this morning from gunshot wounds inflicted by Sergt. Cooksey, who shot White after he had wounded Chief Holcomb and Officer Bridges. Chief Holcomb died on May 30, and after that time White refused to take food, slowly wasting away until he was nothing but a human skeleton.

Over 400 people in Bamberg county are using Glendale Spring water, and there is not a typhoid patient among them.—adv.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

The board of trustees of Orangeburg awarded the contract Wednesday for a \$30,000 high school building.

Governor Manning has appointed James McKie as sheriff of Fairfield county, to succeed the late Adam P. Hood, who was killed while defending a negro prisoner some weeks ago.

Jim Perry and Ferrell Howell, young white men, were lodged in Lexington jail Sunday night by Sheriff Miller, charged with shooting into the house of Maggie Pratt, a white woman.

A revival is in progress in Anderson under the direction of Rev. B. F. McLendon, and one in Orangeburg under Rev. Thomas H. Leitch. Mr. McLendon reports 1,922 conversions up to Tuesday.

Ex-Gov. Ansel, sitting as special judge, has denied the motion for an injunction against the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$400,000 by Greenville county for the benefit of roads. The case will be carried to the supreme court.

Bonds to the amount of \$30,000, recently voted in Orangeburg, for the erection of a high school building, were sold last week to the Farmers Union Bank and Trust company, of that place. The funds will be in hand within thirty days, it is stated.

Thos. E. Miller, colored, late president of the State colored college in Orangeburg, ran over an East Indian in Charleston Saturday and caused injuries from which the man died later at the hospital. The coroner's jury exonerated Miller. The East Indian was Sha Bokesh, 52 years old and a resident of Charleston for 20 years.

Wesley Bible Class Federation.

The Wesley Bible class is the organized Bible class of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and is a part of the great organized Bible class movement that is transforming the old-time inert class into one of power and force, and one that is reaching the men and women of the church as never before. It is also stopping the awful leakage of boys from the Sunday-school and church during the teen age.

The South Carolina Wesley Bible Class federation was organized October 7-8, 1913, at Columbia, and met in its second session at Columbia, March 17, 18, 19, 1914. This federation is an autonomous union of all Wesley Bible classes in South Carolina—intermediate, senior, and adult, for both men and women.

The third federation will meet in Spartanburg, July 19, 20, 21 of this year, and everything points to the largest federation ever held in Southern Methodism. Spartanburg Methodism is organized to make everything delightful for all who attend, and elaborate plans are being made to accommodate from 1,500 to 2,000 people on that occasion.

An unusually attractive programme has been prepared. The following strong speakers have been secured: Bishop James Atkins, former Sunday-school editor and now president of the general Sunday-school board; Miss Elizabeth Kilpatrick, Sunday-school expert of the general Sunday-school board; Dr. Chas. D. Bulla, superintendent of the Wesley Bible class department and corresponding secretary of the general Sunday-school board; Mr. J. M. Way, divisional field secretary of the Atlantic division; Mr. A. L. Dietrich, divisional field secretary of the middle division; Mr. J. H. Therrell, Sunday-school field secretary South Georgia conference; Mr. A. H. Cole, Sunday-school field secretary Florida conference; Mr. M. W. Brabham, Sunday-school field secretary North Carolina conference; Dr. Jas. H. Moffatt, president of Erskine college; the presiding elders of both South Carolina conferences: Rev. E. O. Watson, D. D., Rev. R. S. Truesdale, D. D., Rev. W. A. Massebeau, and Rev. John H. Graves, all of the South Carolina conference; Mr. Charlton Durant, of Manning, and Dr. Vance W. Brabham, of Orangeburg; Rev. John W. Speake, Rev. J. R. T. Major, Rev. C. E. Peele, and Rev. R. L. Holroyd, all of the Upper South Carolina conference; and Mr. R. S. Ligon, of Anderson.

PREPARE ILLITERACY DATA.

Club at Winthrop Gathers Educational Facts.

Columbia, July 4.—The South Carolina club students attending the summer school for teachers at Winthrop college have compiled some interesting statistics relative to native white illiteracy in South Carolina. The members are wondering whether illiteracy has anything to do with economic conditions in the various counties.

"The South Carolina club students think that 'moonlight schools' are as badly needed in their State as they were in Rowan county, Kentucky, when a heroic band, composed of every school teacher, determined to wipe out illiteracy—and wiped it out," says a paper prepared by the club members.

Present the Facts.

Some of the facts established by the club members are as follows:

Orangeburg county has 4 per cent. of white illiteracy and \$351 of per capita farm wealth—the average farm wealth for the State being \$304 per capita.

Sumter county has 4 per cent. of white illiteracy and \$345 of per capita farm wealth.

Lee county has 10 per cent. of white illiteracy and \$453 of farm wealth.

Saluda county has 5 per cent. of white illiteracy and \$397 of per capita farm wealth.

Florence has 9 per cent. of white illiteracy and \$398 per capita farm wealth.

Greenwood has 6 per cent. of white illiteracy and \$342 of per capita farm wealth.

On the other hand: Georgetown county has 13 per cent. of white illiteracy and \$108 of per capita farm wealth.

Horry county has 10 per cent. of white illiteracy and \$215 per capita farm wealth.

Union has 13 per cent. of white illiteracy and \$222 of per capita farm wealth.

Chesterfield county has 20 per cent. of white illiteracy and \$277 of per capita farm wealth.

Williamsburg county has 14 per cent. of white illiteracy and \$253 of per capita farm wealth.

In Spartanburg county there are nearly 6,000 native white men, women and children more than 10 years of age who can neither read nor write their names.

In Greenville county there are nearly 4,000. In Anderson county just under 3,500.

There are five counties in South Carolina with each more than 2,000, and 12 counties with over 1,000 who cannot read or write.

Data on Counties.

Mrs. Annie Bennett, of Greenville, county, contributed the following table showing the white illiterates, and the percentage, in each county:

The State—native white illiteracy, persons 10 years old and older, 50-245, or 10.3 per cent.

1—Charleston	420	2
2—Edgefield	205	3
3—Bamberg	174	4
3—Beaufort	117	4
3—Calhoun	111	4
3—Newberry	347	4
3—Orangeburg	519	4
3—Sumter	306	4
9—Abbeville	475	5
9—Saluda	365	5
11—Barnwell	398	6
11—Chester	469	6
11—Greenwood	566	6
14—Dorchester	329	7
14—Fairfield	361	7
14—Lexington	1,065	7
14—Richland	1,251	7
18—Clarendon	483	8
18—Hampton	524	8
18—Kershaw	616	8
18—Laurens	1,091	8
22—Florence	1,018	9
23—Colleton	910	10
23—Lee	601	10
23—York	1,577	10
26—Aiken	1,489	11
26—Anderson	3,467	11
26—Berkeley	379	11
26—Greenville	3,793	11
26—Marion	781	11
31—Lancaster	1,094	12
32—Georgetown	557	13
32—Union	1,354	13
34—Spartanburg	5,801	14
36—Williamsburg	1,440	14
36—Pickens	2,023	15
37—Darlington	1,729	16
37—Oconee	2,212	16
37—Cherokee	2,024	16
40—Dillon	1,351	17
41—Marlboro	1,633	18
42—Horry	2,634	19
43—Chesterfield	2,146	20

Adult schools have been organized in the rural districts of Laurens and Newberry counties.

CRANK DOES MUCH DAMAGE

PLANTS BOMB IN CAPITOL AND SHOOTS J. PIERPONT MORGAN.

Says It Was Protest Against United States Selling Ammunition to British Government.

Glen Cove, N. Y., July 3.—Frank Holt, former Cornell instructor, who attempted to assassinate J. P. Morgan at East Isle, Mr. Morgan's summer home, near here, today, confessed tonight that he was the man who set the bomb which exploded in the Capitol at Washington last night.

Mr. Morgan, the victim of the bullets which Holt fired today, was said by specialists at his bedside to be resting well tonight. No vital organ, the physicians announced, had been involved in his injury. The physicians, however, declined to state the precise location of Mr. Morgan's wounds. Junius Spencer Morgan, eldest son of the financier, was asked to define the exact nature of his injuries. After conferring with the physicians young Mr. Morgan asserted that they had decided to add nothing to their previous bulletins. At 11 o'clock tonight, however, it was established that both bullets penetrated the hip and one entered the abdomen.

Belief prevailed that Holt had been connected with other bomb outrages which have baffled the police, notably the finding recently of a bomb on the grounds of Andrew Carnegie's 5th avenue residence, in New York city. Detectives prepared to ply Holt with questions all night if necessary. Thos. Tunney, captain of the bomb and anarchist's squad of New York detectives and William E. Luyster, the justice of the peace before whom Holt was arraigned late today, obtained the confession. To do so, they intimidated, they had to employ so-called third degree methods.

Description of Bomb.

Three sticks of dynamite bound together, some match heads placed in a hollow of one of the sticks, a bottle of sulphuric acid, in the neck where there was inserted a cork, carefully measured, and of a kind previously tested—such was the bomb which Holt placed in the senate wing of the Capitol at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Holt had ascertained by tests that the acid would eat its way through the cork in about eight hours. Therefore, he estimated that the bomb would explode about midnight. He waited at the Union station, several blocks from the Capitol, he said, until he heard the explosion.

Then he boarded a train for New York. Arriving there he lost no time in taking another train for Glen Cove. Several sticks of the dynamite, left over from the making of the Washington bomb, were in his suit case, and these he took with him.

One of the sticks he placed in his pocket with two loaded revolvers, for use, if necessary, in his mission at the Morgan home. It was not used and was found when he was locked up.

At first the police thought the dynamite played a minor role in his plan to assassinate Mr. Morgan. When they listened in undisguised amazement to the story he told of the Washington bomb's construction, they concluded that he possessed a knowledge of explosives far beyond that of the ordinary bomb maker.

Talked Freely.

Under the third degree Holt talked freely of his bomb designing. Earlier in the day he openly admitted he had gone to the Morgan home with the intention of remaining there until Mr. Morgan did something to end the European war. He wanted Mr. Morgan to prevent the further export of war munitions.

The man who unfolded this unusual story of bomb placing and attempted assassination talked coolly and with dramatic frankness. He is an American citizen, native born, about 35 years old and educated far above the average. He had been a student at Cornell, he said, and later an instructor there in French. Records show he taught German instead. Next autumn he had expected to be the head of the department of French at the Southwestern Methodist University at Dallas, Tex.

His wife, a daughter of O. S. Senabaugh, presiding elder of the Dallas district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is with her father in Dallas. To her he addressed a telegram after his arrest telling her that man proposed, but God disposed, and bidding her to be brave.

Holt told his story in a cell of the

TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.

Holt, Commits Suicide, Either by Shooting or Plunging to Death.

Glen Cove, N. Y., July 6.—Frank Holt, the Cornell university professor, who shot J. P. Morgan in his home near Glen Cove last Saturday, committed suicide in the jail at Mineola tonight.

While several of the jail authorities declare that Holt killed himself by climbing through the opening at the top of his cell door and then plunging to the narrow court below, Holt's keeper said he was positive that the prisoner was killed in his own cell, where he said he found the body.

There were many conflicting reports as to the manner in which Holt met his death, but it was definitely established through Dr. Cleghorn, the jail physician, that Holt died of a fractured skull. Dr. Cleghorn found that death had been instantaneous.

District Attorney Smith searched Holt's cell immediately after arriving at the jail and found a letter written on yellow paper. This letter, which Holt must have written before he attempted suicide early this morning, when the pencil with which he tried to sever an artery was taken from him, was addressed to "My dears" and follows:

"I must write once more. The more I think about it the more I see the uselessness of living under circumstances such as these. Bring up the dear babies in the love of God and man. God bless you my sweet. Affectionately,

"FRANK.

"P. S.—All please pardon me for all the heartaches I have brought you. Pray with me that the slaughter will stop. My heart breaks. Good bye."

At midnight there was still considerable confusion in the jail and conflicting stories as to the manner in which Holt was killed were told by those attached to the institution. The attendants disagreed as to the place where the body was found. Jeremiah O'Ryan, the keeper detailed to watch Holt's cell, declared that he was positive the body was in a pool of blood in the cell when he first saw it.

"It sounded to me like an explosion," said O'Ryan, giving his version of what occurred. "You will have hard work to convince me that it wasn't. The cell was in partial darkness as the lights had not been fully turned on.

"I was 15 feet from the cell when it happened and my back was turned. I heard a noise and then ran into the cell and looked around. It was dark.

"I couldn't see at first. Then I found the body in a pool of blood in a corner of the cell.

"Holt had been in remarkably good spirits. He had laughed and joked earlier in the evening. That made me suspicious."

Glen Cove jail. He had bound across his forehead a white cloth through which blood showed from a cut on his forehead. His grayish eyes sparkled as he spoke and he talked at first with great animation.

Damage Wrought By Bomb.

Washington, July 3.—Investigation of the explosion late last night, which wrecked the Senate reception room of the National Capitol, was interrupted to-night by the confession in New York of Frank Holt, the man who shot J. P. Morgan at his home in Glen Cove, L. I., this morning, that he also had been responsible for the Washington crime.

Earlier in the day Washington newspapers had received a letter signed "R. Pearce," in which the writer stated he had planned the Capitol explosion "as the exclamation point to my appeal for peace."

While experts were at work satisfying themselves that an infernal machine had wrecked the Senate room, the police were searching for clues. They could find no trace of the mysterious "R. Pearce," but to-night they sought to trace the movements of Holt.

Hours before Holt's confession, however, suspicion was aroused here that the assailant of Morgan and the man who sought to wreck the Capitol were identical. Holt had given utterance in New York following his arrest to statements strikingly similar to expressions in the "Pearce" letter.

Germany and Munitions.

"If Germany should be able to buy munitions here we would, of course, positively refuse to sell her," Holt said after his arrest.

"We would, of course, not sell to

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